RESOLUTION NO. 08-58-2020 MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION OF MAYOR RON JABS WEEK CITY OF JORDAN

WHEREAS, the City of Jordan, Minnesota recognizes the many contributions and true dedication to the Jordan Community from Mayor Ronald Jabs; and

WHEREAS, Ron Jabs was born July 8, 1952, the oldest of four boys born to Henry and Betty Jabs, in Jordan and was raised in Jordan, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Ron Jabs was diagnosed with and successfully beat cancer at the age of 16 even though the doctors had giving his family little chance for a long term success; and

WHEREAS, Ron Jabs worked for Minnesota Valley Electric Cooperative in Jordan for 47 years, true longevity and loyalty not seen very often; and

WHEREAS, Ron and his wife, Connie, happily raised their family of two boys Paul and Nathan in Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Ron and his family for many years have been strong and supportive members of their church in Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Ron Jabs was very proud to serve as the President of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan. Ron was baptized, confirmed and married in the church, and he was honored to give back; and

WHEREAS, Ron Jabs loved to serve the Community of Jordan and did so often; and

WHEREAS, Ron Jabs served on the Jordan City Council from 1980 to 1992 and served as Mayor from 1992 until 2008, winning the C.C. Ludwig Award, the highest honor for elected city officials in the State of Minnesota, in 2008 for service above and beyond what is required; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jabs, during his time on the City Council, served as the president, board member or chairman of the League of MN Cities, Jordan Commercial Club, MN Mayors Association, Jordan EDA, Jordan Park and Rec Advisory Committee, Jordan Jaycees, the Jordan 150th Anniversary Committee and many more committees and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jabs helped plan and model the growth of the City of Jordan from under 3,000 to well over 6,000 in population; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jabs in this time of growth helped plan many new housing developments, parks, roads, utilities and business developments; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jabs never slowed down much in community service. Even in retirement Ron was the chairman of the EDA for the past 12 years, a founding member and chair of the Jordan Area Historical Society while continuing to serve his church community as well as the Jordan Community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jabs passed away July 21, 2020 at the age of 68 at his home in Jordan; and the Jordan Community will always remember him as a great man who cared for, loved and served our community well; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Tanya Velishek, Mayor of Jordan does hereby proclaim that August 9th through August 15th shall be observed as:

MAYOR RON JABS WEEK IN THE CITY OF JORDAN, MN.

We proudly recognize, honor and celebrate a life well lived with community service and all the hearts you touched in your time on earth.

ADOPTED by the City Council this 3rd day of August, 2020.

Tanya Velishek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tom Nikunen, City Administrator

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